

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/813,004	YASUI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed on 11/08/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2 and 5-11 (renumbered as 1-9, respectively).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed 11/08/2006 was applied to the following effect: All relevant objections and rejections are withdrawn as being satisfied.

Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 1, 2 and 5-11 are allowed (renumbered as 1-9, respectively).

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

This application is for a MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, MAGNETIC RECORDING PLAYBACK DEVICE AND INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE.

- **Claim 1** specifies a magnetic recording medium, which requires:

“at least one substrate electrode layer satisfying the relationship represented by resistivity (Ωcm)/film thickness (cm) < 100 (Ω) is disposed between the insulating substrate and the recording layer.”

Nishimoto et al. (JP 63-007517) disclose a magnetic recording medium comprising a recording layer and an electrode layer disposed on a substrate wherein the recording layer and the electrode layer are disposed in the same plane [Constitution]. Nishimoto et al. do not teach or suggest at least one substrate electrode layer satisfying the relationship represented by resistivity (Ωcm)/film thickness (cm) < 100 (Ω) is disposed between the insulating substrate and the recording layer as claimed in the present invention.

Kikitsu et al. (US 6, 602, 620 B1) teaches the substrate comprises an insulation material [col. 13, lines 32-33] and a matrix surrounding magnetic material portions of the recording layer comprises alumina as a constituent provided by anodization of aluminum [col. 7, lines 26-28;

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Figure 15]. Kikitsu et al. do not teach or suggest at least one substrate electrode layer satisfying the relationship represented by resistivity (Ωcm)/film thickness (cm) $< 100 (\Omega)$ is disposed between the insulating substrate and the recording layer as claimed in the present invention.

Therefore, these features, in combination with other features of claim 1, are not anticipated by, nor made obvious over, the closest prior arts of record of Nishimoto et al. (JP 63-007517) and/or Kikitsu et al. (US 6, 602, 620 B1).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

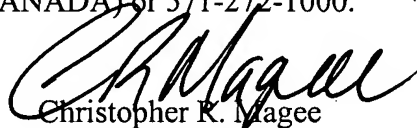
Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher R. Magee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7592. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8: 00 am-4: 30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea Wellington can be reached on (571) 272-4483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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